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SUBJECT: RECIPROCAL RADIO RIGHTS

BEIRUT FOR RIO, ATHENS FOR ATO

1. DEPARTMENT RECEIVED DIPLOMATIC NOTE DATED MAY 28, 1975
FROM EMBASSY OF TUNISIA REQUESTING PERMISSION TO INSTALL
AND OPERATE RADIO TRANSMITTER IN THEIR WASHINGTON EMBASSY.

2. NOTE MAKES NO REFERENCE TO RECIPROCITY OR FACT THAT U.
S. HAS OPERATED EMBUSSY RADIO STATION IN TUNIS SINCE EARLY
1966 AND THAT APPROVAL TO OPERATE OUR RADIO TRANSMITTER
WAS EVER REQUESTED FROM MFA. U.S. DID ACKNOWLEDGE IN A
NOTE TO MFU GK MID-1971) THE EXISTANCE AND OPERATION OF OUR
RADIO TRANSMITTER, PROVIDING TECHNICAL DETAILS OF THE
STATION. NO OBJECTION OR COMMENTS WERE MADE BY MFA. DE-
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PARTMENT RECORDS INDICATE THIS WAS THE LAST EXCHANGE ON

SUBJECT BETWEEN GOT AND U.S.

3. PUBLIC LAW 87-795 PERHITS U.S. GOVERNMENT TO GRANT RADIO RIGHTS TO FOREIGN EMBASSY IF PRESIDENT (WHO HAS DELEGATED THIS RESPONSIBILITY TO OFFICE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLICY) DETERMINES AUTHORIZATION TO DO SO WOULD BE CONSIS-

TENT WITH NATIONAL INTERESTS AND ONLY WHEN THE FOREIGN GOVERNMENT HAS PROVIDED RECIPROCAL PRIVILEGES TO THE U.S.

4. SINCE U.S. HAS HAD THE ADVANTAGE OF OPERATING OUR OWN EMBASSY RADIO TRANSMITTER IN TUNIS FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME WITHOUT LEGAL AUTHORITY TO DO SO, AND NO APPARENT RESTRICTIONS, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES BEST INTEREST ALL CONCERNED TO ENTER AND CONCLUDE RECIPROCAL RADIO RIGHTS AGREEMENT. ACCORDINGLY, DEPARTMENT PROPOSES RECOMMEND FAVORABLE DETERMINATION TO OFFICE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLICY. PRIOR DOING SO, REQUEST EMBASSY COMMENTS AND/OR CONCURRENCE. INGERSOLL

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